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Title: EXTENDING COVID 19 DISASTER EMERGENCY
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
Requester: (S) RLS

Department: Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Appropriation: Workers' Compensation
Allocation: Workers' Compensation
OMB Component Number: 344

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2021 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2021 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2021	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None	***		***	***	***	***	***
Total	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2020) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2021) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This legislation extends the governor's public health disaster emergency declaration in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to cover the period from March 11, 2020 to November 15, 2020. The legislation is designed to provide authorities, flexibility and stability to protect Alaskans and the Alaskan economy during the disaster declaration period.

House floor amendment #5 amends uncodified law to establish a presumption for certain categories of emergency response employees and health care providers that a COVID-19 infection resulted from employment when certain conditions are met. This would result in automatic coverage under the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act for medical treatment and lost wages as a result of that COVID-19 infection.

The Division of Workers' Compensation does not anticipate any increase in operating costs as a result of this legislation. However, it is likely that self-insured employers and insured employers may experience an increase in covered claims as a result of the legislation, which would result in an increase in revenue to the division under AS 23.05.067(a)(1)(B) and AS 23.05.067(a)(2). Due to uncertainties about the scope of COVID-19 infection that Alaska may experience and the impact of infection on the emergency response and health care employees identified in the legislation, the revenue impact of this legislation to the Division of Workers' Compensation cannot currently be determined.